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I enjoyed the presentation today and I hope that the manuscript that will be prepared addresses the issues which were discussed. I think that some additional consideration be given describing the statistical methodologies and the limitations of the inferences you have derived from them. The non normal distribution of the data and the adjustments made to compress the variance would have been helpful to know. My question as to the derivation of the use of the two words **well** and **modestly** to describe the 'degree' of correlation needs to be clarified/ made transparent to the reader. In both cases there was high degree of statistical significance differing only in the size of the r value. A description of the logic behind this word selection would be helpful. The slopes of the **well** and **modestly** correlated biomarkers were quite remarkable in their shallowness. I think a small discussion of the implications/limitations of this for this study or other proposed studies that might use these biomarkers would also be helpful. Finally , when data is presented that shows some level of statistical significance for any comparison some indication should be made as to what one can infer from this. It should not be left to the audience to try and figure out why some statistical points are elaborated on and others not. I hope that these points are helpful in yourimportant analyses and deliberations. Richard

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